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2. DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY ON APRIL 11 WE SPOKE
 WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM THE ELYSEE, QUAI AND MINISTRY
 OF DEFENSE CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN RWANDA AND THE

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THE EVACUATION

-- VIRTUALLY ALL FRENCH NATIONALS OUTSIDE KIGALI HAVE EITHER CROSSED INTO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES OR ALREADY BEEN EVACUATED. THE FEW NON-OFFICIAL FRENCH NATIONALS IN RWANDA HAVE DECLINED GOF EVACUATION ASSISTANCE AND ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN.

-- FRENCH EVACUATION ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME IS BEING PROVIDED ONLY TO THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS.

-- THE GOF EVACUATION CENTER, LOCATED AT THE FRENCH SCHOOL, IS EXPECTED TO BE CLOSED TONIGHT, APRIL 11.

FRENCH MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE

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-- THE GOF HAS NOT MADE ANY FINAL DECISIONS ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF IT FORCES BUT EXPECTS/EXPECTS TO BEGIN DRAWING DOWN IN THE NEXT 48 HOURS, SUBJECT TO THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND.

-- THE GOF HAS NOT/NOT PROVIDED ANY DETAILS TO THE RWANDA MILITARY AUTHORITIES AS YET AND WILL DO SO ONLY AFTER COORDINATION WITH BELGIAN FORCES IN KIGALI.

-- THE FRENCH DIPLOMATIC STAFF HAS BEEN REDUCED TO THE AMBASSADOR, THE DIRECTOR OF THE COOPERATION MISSION, SOME DIPLOMATIC AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL, ONE MILITARY DOCTOR AND THE 25 MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY TRAINING MISSION WITHDRAWN TO THE EMBASSY WHEN FIGHTING BEGAN.

-- NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN ON CLOSING THE EMBASSY BUT "EVERYONE IS LEANING IN THAT DIRECTION." THE KEY CONSIDERATION (ESPECIALLY GIVEN RPF ANIMOSITY TOWARD FRANCE) WILL BE WHETHER SECURITY OF THE REMAINING PERSONNEL CAN BE ASSURED.

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THE ATTACK ON HABYARIMANA'S PLANE

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-- CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS IN SOME OF THE LARGE FRENCH NEWSPAPERS, "VIRTUALLY NOBODY" IN THE GOF BELIEVES THAT HABYARIMAN'S PLANE WAS DOWNED BY MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD OR HUTU EXTREMISTS.

THE RPF AND THE FRENCH

-- THE PARIS-BASED RPF REPRESENTATIVE GAVE A

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TELEVISION INTERVIEW OVER THE WEEKEND THAT THE GOF FOUND "INFLAMMATORY," INCLUDING STATEMENTS THAT THE RPF WOULD FIRE ON FRENCH FORCES IF THEY ATTEMPTED TO INTERFERE WITH RPF MOVEMENTS AND THAT THE RPF INTENDED TO OCCUPY KIGALI.

-- DESPITE RPF STATEMENTS, THE FRENCH BELIEVE THAT THE RPF IS "MOVING CAUTIOUSLY" TOWARD KIGALI IN ORDER TO AVOID AN UNNECESSARY CONFRONTATION WITH FRENCH (OR BELGIAN) FORCES "AS THEY DID WHEN GOF FORCES PROTECTED THE CAPITAL IN 1993-94."

-- FRENCH PLANNERS BELIEVE THAT RPF FORCES HAVE "INFILTRATED" A TOWN CALLED RETONGO (SP?), ABOUT 15 KMS FROM KIGALI AND WITH THE INTENTION OF REINFORCING THE RPF UNITS IN KIGALI.

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-- THE QUAI WILL MEET IN PARIS WITH RPF
REPRESENTATIVES ON THURSDAY, IN PART TO SEEK RPF HELP
IN LOCATING FRENCH NATIONALS MISSING OR BELIEVED DEAD
IN AREAS NOW CONTROLLED BY THE RPF.

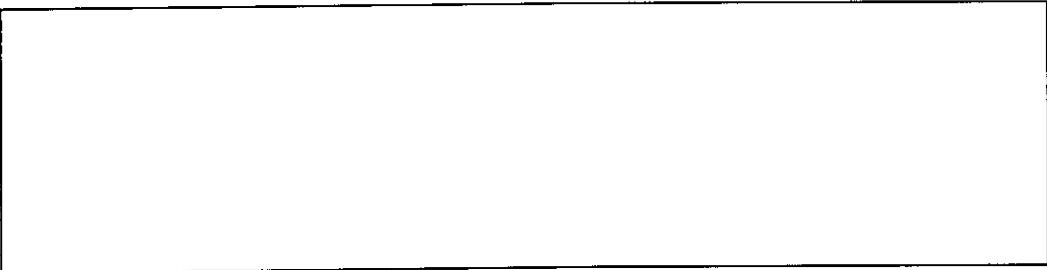
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-- ALTHOUGH RPF OVERALL INTENTIONS ARE NOT CLEAR, GOF
PLANNERS BELIEVE THAT THE RPF INTENDS TO DOMINATE A
NORTH-SOUTH AXIS AND GRADUALLY EXTEND ITS INFLUENCE TO
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THE EAST, BEFORE MOVING ON KIGALI.

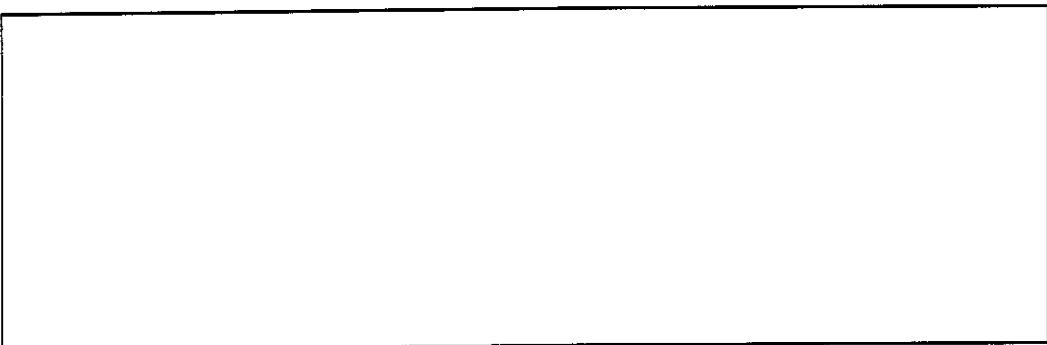
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-- THE GOF HAS NOT YET REACHED A FINAL DECISION ON THE
FUTURE OF UNAMIR FORCES, BUT IS "LEANING" TOWARD A
WITHDRAWAL.

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ACTIONS AND MOTIVES.

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IS KARAWENGE DEAD?

-- THE FRENCH EMBASSY INDICATED THAT THE MOST RECENT
RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT BY RPF PRESIDENT KANYARENGWE MIGHT
HAVE BEEN A SPLICED-TOGETHER REHASH OF EARLIER
STATEMENTS, THUS REINFORCING RUMORS OF KARAWENGE'S
DEATH. AN INDIVIDUAL CLAIMING TO BE A SON OF
KANYARENGWE CALLED THE FRENCH EMBASSY SEEKING ASYLUM
BUT DID NOT EXPLAIN WHAT LED HIM TO MAKE SUCH A
REQUEST. THE INDIVIDUAL DID NOT CALL BACK AND THE
FRENCH ARE NOT SURE WHAT TO MAKE OF THE CALL.

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